WELLESLEY RECREATION

Beach Safety Team (BST) Meeting

February 20, 2014

8:30 am at Warren Building

Attending:

Mrs. Kaseta, Mr. Wrobel, Mr. Pilecki, Mr. Larsen, Mr. Pakstis, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Peterson & Mr. Chin

Tasks to Be completed to open beach:

Mrs. Kaseta distributed checklist of tasks to be completed prior to Morses Pond Beach opening.

Policies & Procedures/Potential Changes

Mrs. Kaseta discussed with the BST some changes to water safety report, Recreation would like to see made. Specifically, the deepwater swim test, to revert back to the previous swim tests (Slide Test & Deep Water test) and not have a 1 test as suggested by Mr. DeRosa. The second change is the placement of lifeguards on the dock, beach and slide.

Mr. Harrington suggested Mrs. Kaseta find evidence to support these changes and present them at the next meeting.

Mrs. Kaseta expressed her concerns of lifeguard staffing. Currently, there are 3 lifeguards committed to working Summer 2014. A minimum of 16 lifeguards (8/shift) are needed to staff the beach.

Mr. Harrington stated in order for the beach to open, all guards needed to provide a safe environment must be available.

Parking During Off Hours/Off Season

A meeting will be scheduled with the Morses Pond neighbors for March 19 at the Police Station at 7 pm. The current parking situation at Morses Pond is when the parking lot is full, all parking will be directed to Hardy School and patrons must walk in. Recreation would like to see parking allowed on the outbound side of Turner Road to a determined point and then have parking move into the Hardy School.

Recreation will mail invitations to the meeting to all abutters.

Next Meeting:

The next BST meeting will be March 20, 2014